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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY CHIEF SECRETARIAT (EDUCATION-I)

(G.O. Ms. No. 33, dated 5th June 2013)

ORDER

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to accord approval to the scheme of reciprocal arrangements between Government of Puducherry and Government of Kerala, in admitting students to the various UG/PG courses in Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe under the control of Director of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry.

2. In Writ Petition No. 27497 of 2012 and 27498 of 2012 respectively filed before the High Court at Chennai by Selvi E.K. Rinisha and Jimisha Vasu of Kerala State, in a common order dated 7-12-2012, the Hon'ble Court passed orders directing the Government of Puducherry to provide seats in Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe eventhough they were from Kerala State and 10% of reservation being given for outside State students having been exhausted by allotment of seat which is kept unfilled.

- 3. In the memorandum issued by the Government *vide* Memorandum No. 2319/G1.1/A2/85-86/Edn., dated 10-6-1985 of the Director of Education, Education Department, Puducherry, it was instructed that 10% of seats would be allotted purely on the basis of merit without any reference to the nativity/ residence of the candidates as per the guidelines of Supreme Court of India and the remaining seats would be shared by the residents of Union territory of Puducherry General candidates with effect from the academic year 1985-1986 onwards in respect of undergraduate courses, for which the Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe is offering the 10% of seats for outside candidates.
- 4. Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College is the only Government Arts College in Mahe offering undergraduate courses in nine disciplines and postgraduate courses in two disciplines. As such the students from Mahe who pass the graduate courses have insufficient opportunity for the postgraduate courses. Eventhough the colleges in their neighbouring districts in Kerala are offering postgraduate courses, the students from Mahe are not considered for admission. Many graduate degree seats in the Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe are left vacant every year. Up to 1993, the practice was that, on completion of admission of students from Mahe, Kerala students were admitted in the vacant seats. But later the admission for students from Kerala was restricted up to 10% of total seats and hence, now, only 3 students from Kerala are admitted in each subject.
- 5. After admitting all students of Mahe region, many seats in most courses remained vacant and applications from students belonging to Kerala State were not considered due to the above reason. In order to sort out this issue, it was proposed to take up the issue with the Government of Kerala for a reciprocal arrangement to avail certain seats reserved for students of Mahe region into postgraduate courses, while offering seats in the Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe in the undergraduate and postgraduate courses to Kerala students. The matter was taken up with the Government of Kerala.
- 6. In response to this Union Territory Administration's request, a meeting was convened by Hon'ble Minister for Education, Kerala Government on 21-3-2013, wherein, Shri E.Valsaraj, M.L.A. of Mahe and the Secretary to Government (Education) have participated. A mutually agreeable decision was proposed to the effect that the following number of seats in the undergraduate courses in the Mahatma Gandhi Government Arts College, Mahe will be offered to the Kerala students who shall apply to the "Regional Administrator, Mahe" at the time of admission in that college.

Graduate level courses:

1. B.A. Hindi	10 seats
2. B.Sc. Physics	10 seats
3. B.Sc. Chemistry	10 seats
4. B.Sc. Zoology	10 seats
5. B.Sc. Plant Science	10 seats
6. B.Sc. Mathematics	10 seats
7. B.Sc. Computer Science	10 seats
Total (Graduate level)	70 seats

Postgraduate courses:

M.A. Hindi . . 5 seats

M.Sc. Plant Science . . 5 seats

Total (PG level) . . 10 seats

7. On a reciprocal basis, Government of Kerala agreed to admit 2 students from Mahe each for the postgraduate course in the colleges and courses as detailed below, without affecting the admission of students from Kerala by creating additional seats in the following colleges at Kerala and the students admitted in those seats will be sponsored by the Regional Administrator, Mahe.

Government Brennan College, Thalacherry, Kannur:

1. M.A. English . . 1 seat

2. M.A. Economics . . 1 seat

Government College, Madappally, Kozhikode:

M.Com. . . 1 seat

Government College, Mananthavady, Wayanad:

M.Com. . . 1 seat

V.K. Krishna Menon Memorial, Vanitha College, Kannur:

1. M.A. English . . 1 seat

2. M.A. Development Economics. . 1 seat

Total .. 6 seats

- 8. Accordingly, Government of Kerala issued G.O. Ms. No. 113/2013/ H.Edn., Thiruvananthapuram, dated 2-5-2013, giving approval to the above scheme.
- 9. The Regional Administrator, Mahe shall take initiative to allot the students into the above sponsored seats from Mahe through his office, on merit basis at the time of admission in the concerned college/University in Kerala. Government of Puducherry/Kerala/Universities will make necessary amendments to this effect in the prospectus for admission in the colleges concerned.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

M. Gunasekaran,

Under Secretary to Government (Education).